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Hartnell Blast Gains Support

Protests by the Central Labor Council at Salinas against the competition with union building trades activities by students at Hartnell College gained support last week as the State Federation of Labor and other groups endorsed the protests, Council Secretary A. J. Clark reported.

The State Federation agreed to present the protests of the labor groups directly to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Roy P. Simpson. San Francisco Labor Council endorsed the protests. Governor Warren's office acknowledged receipt of the letter and said it was under study.

Clark reported that the house built by the students and offered for public sale by the college had not found a buyer last week-end. He said the labor council does not oppose the construction of the house as a student activity, but does object to having the house sold on the public market in competition to union workmanship.

WORK BETTER FOR LABORERS

With the steel strike settled and availability of steel and tin plate again assured, work is improving for members of Salinas Laborers Union 272, according to Wray D. Empie, business agent.

The Kaiser sea water plant, shut down because of lack of steel for use in the magnesium projects there, is expected to resume operations this week.

Survey was started last week on East Market St. in Salinas in preparation for a widening project from the city limits to Sanborn Road. The East Market St. overpass and highway crossing is progressing well under direction of Keeble & Caputo, San Jose contractors, Empie reported.

Maternity leaves of absence are provided in many union contracts, the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Labor Department points out in a recent report. The maternity leave period is usually one year, with job security and seniority retained for the leave period.



NEW HONORS FOR SENATOR MURRAY—Representatives of the AFL, CIO and other labor unions joined religious, agriculture and liberal groups in signing a scroll paying tribute to Sen. James E. Murray (D, Mont.) left, for his "untiring efforts for those who labor, are poor or underprivileged," during his 18 years in the Senate. The scroll was presented by Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing who said Murray's "full employment bill is one of the great monuments of all time. It was designed to make the American way of life work."

Temo Pickets At McMahan Furniture Co.

Pickets of General Teamsters Union 890 were placed before the McMahan Furniture Co., 325 Main St., Salinas, in a dispute over a contract last week, Union Secretary William G. Kenyon announced.

The union official said all other furniture businesses in the Salinas area are under union contract but that the McMahan firm had taken the position of not wanting any union to represent its employees.

Mont. Laborers Plan Barbecue

Plans were started last week by Monterey Laborers Union 690 for a steak barbecue and picnic for members and special guests, during the Labor Day weekend, exact time and place not yet determined. Committee chairman in charge of the affair is T. J. Howard.

For the truth, hear Frank Edwards, week nights, MBS at 10:15. Tell your friends.

'TRAGIC, DAMAGING HEALTH SABOTAGE'

Washington (LPA).—The "tragic, corrosive, destructive, irresponsible campaign" waged against every effort to provide adequate medical and health services in the U. S. was denounced July 10 by President Walter Reuther of the CIO Auto Workers.

Reuther told the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation that the "whole machinery of propaganda grinds away" to destroy all attempts to have communities plan collectively on health problems in much the same way a family takes care of its problems. All constructive steps in this direction are assailed as "socialism," he declared.

Reuther, a commission member, took part in discussion after a panel of medical and lay experts summarized industrial, rural and environmental health needs and problems. Presiding over the panel was Al Hayes, president of the International Association of Machinists, who, with Reuther, represents labor on the commission.

Both Hayes and Reuther expressed concern that improvements in industrial safety have failed to keep step with America's wonder-

ful technological advances. Reuther said this was due to the "purely negative approach" to safety legislation. You can always get safety legislation if it makes for more efficient industry, but not if it's just a matter of protecting the individual, he said.

Commission Chairman Chester L. Barnard, retired president of the Rockefeller Foundation, said there was "no lack of knowledge whatever" to protect workers and the public from industrial hazards, only a "lack of willingness to take care of the human side of the problem."

Dr. Gordon M. Fair of Harvard University observed that "there is no profit" in safety measures "and therefore little incentive to do things." The severe shortage of rural medical services and personnel was emphasized by Dr. George F. Bond of Bat Cave, N.C., and Dr. Eugene Dibble, medical director of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Incumbents Win In BTC Election

Election of officers was completed last week by the Monterey County Building Trades Council, with incumbents returned to office in most instances.

Included in those elected were: President—A. L. Robertson, Bricklayers.

Vice - President — S. A. Prince, Lathers.

Secretary - Business Representative—Harry Foster, Sheet Metal Workers.

Financial Secretary - Treasurer:Lloyd T. Long, Plumbers 62.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Louis Casati, Laborers 690.

Barbers Report Picnic Success

Last week's annual barbecue of Salinas Barbers Union 827 was described as a "great success" by Union Secy. Jimmie Butler.

The event was held at Pariso Hot Springs for members and their wives. The crowd was excellent, Butler said, and the steaks, swimming, entertainment and games were "the best."

Barbers Local 82 of Salinas will be represented at the State Federation of Labor and the State Association of Barbers conventions in Santa Barbara by Secy. Jimmie Butler. Both conventions will be held in late August.

Fish Canner Pact Talks Are Pushed

Negotiations for a new contract covering the fish canning industry at Monterey were being pressed by the Fish Cannery Workers Union in an effort to gain some settlement by time of the season opening this Friday.

Only wages are to be negotiated in current talks, the contract continuing otherwise until 1953. Meeting on the contract was scheduled last Friday.

Meanwhile, work along cannery row has been increasing, with some tuna pack at Sun Harbor plant, some mackerel and a lot of anchovies packed all along the row, union officials said.

First use of the union label was made in 1874 by the Cigar Makers International Union in San Francisco.

Democrats Follow Most of AFL Platform Planks

Chicago.—With only a few rebel yells recorded in the negative, the Democratic National Convention overwhelmingly adopted a strong and progressive platform almost completely in line with the recommendations of the American Federation of Labor.

However, the convention failed to exact from the Dixiecrats a pledge that they would work to carry out the Democratic Party's platform. It attempted to compel the Dixiecrats to give a "loyalty" pledge to the national ticket as a condition to being seated as delegates—but then retreated far enough to make the condition ineffective.

Another move was made to condemn the Senate filibusters which have blocked liberal legislation, but it wound up with a couple of sentences "urging" improvement of Congressional "procedures" so that "majority rule" can prevail.

ADVOCATE T-H REPEAL

Once again the platform "strongly" advocated repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act. It condemned the act as "inadequate, unfair, and unworkable." This law, the platform charged, has tipped "the scales in favor of management against labor," has interfered arbitrarily with collective bargaining, has revived the anti-labor injunction, has forbidden traditional hiring practices "desired by both management and labor in many industries," has forced "workers to act as strike-breakers against their fellow unionists" and has interfered with labor's basic right of self-organization.

Aside from demanding repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, the platform called for "a new legislative approach toward the entire labor-management problem." The Democrats said the Taft-Hartley Act provides "an inadequate and unfair means of meeting with national emergency situations" and advocated "legislation that will enable the President to deal fairly and effectively with cases where a breakdown in collective bargaining seriously threatens the national safety or welfare."

The Democratic platform, as adopted, did not specifically mention an enforceable Fair Employment Practices Act, but it did put the party on record for federal, state, and local action to eliminate discrimination in employment and for other civil rights guarantees. Together with the "majority rule" provision, this statement was praised by leading civil rights advocates in the party as being "stronger" than the 1948 platform, though less specific.

On most other issues the platform met the demands submitted to the convention by AFL leaders.

It advocated a strong foreign policy of resistance against Soviet aggression, coupled with a powerful defense program and full cooperation with other free nations.

It came out for an over-all housing program and for continued rent controls not only in defense areas but wherever the housing shortage is acute.

It supported economic controls while the danger of inflation persists, but their elimination as soon as conditions make such action safe.

Improvement of social security standards was endorsed, but on health insurance the platform merely marked time, on the pretext that the President's committee to investigate the nation's health needs had not yet reported its findings.

Other sections of the platform

included approval of federal aid to education, a pledge to continue present farm policies and price supports, a call for a conservation program covering flood control and resources development, broadening of the Point 4 program, liberalization of the immigration laws, and closing of tax loopholes.

The platform did not specifically endorse increase of the minimum wage from 75 cents an hour to \$1, as the AFL suggested, but it pledged continued efforts to establish "improved fair labor standards to workers consistent with present-day progress." It called for equal pay for equal work to women workers and supported increased protection for migratory workers.

The Dixiecrats made their fight on platform changes within the Resolutions Committee, which was headed by Rep. John McCormack, of Massachusetts, the House Majority Leader. They remained numb when the issue of adoption came up on the convention floor.

Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia and Gov. Jimmy Byrnes of South Carolina, leaders in the Dixiecrat movement, didn't make a public protest against the Taft-Hartley and civil rights planks which they have vigorously opposed. No roll-call vote was taken on the party platform. Speaker Sam Rayburn jammed through its adoption on a voice vote. It was apparent that the "No's," though loud, were few and far between among the delegates. However, Gov. Talmadge of Georgia announced from the floor that he wished his delegation to be recorded in the negative and Gov. White of Mississippi, sent up a message to the rostrum to the same effect.

Apparently Byrd and Byrnes and other extreme Dixiecrats didn't think it was worth registering their objections formally on the record.

Plaster Tenders Win Wage Boost

Negotiations between representatives of laborer unions in Santa Cruz, Salinas and Monterey and representatives of plastering contractors of the areas were culminated last week in granting of wage increase and welfare plan to plaster tenders, union spokesmen said.

The agreement calls for 15¢ an hour increase and a welfare plan costing 7½¢ an hour, as soon as Wage Stabilization Board approval has been received.

Joe Murphy, international officer for the Laborers, was present for the contract talks. Unions covered by the new agreement are Local 272 in Salinas, Local 690 in Monterey, and No. 283 in Santa Cruz County. Talks for a new pact covering brick mason tenders (hod carriers) are to be started this week.



ON THE SIDE—The numerous ribbons and medals she has won for her sculpturing aren't edible, so Clara Bratt earns her living making hats as a member of the AFL Hat and Millinery Workers in New York. Her sculptured pieces are in several public buildings and private collections and LIFE magazine once ran a half-page picture of a statue that won her an award and \$100. (LPA)

Making Ends Meet Retail Prices Due for Rise During Next 6-12 Months

By BERT SEIDMAN

Prices, now at an all-time peak, will climb still higher in the coming months.

This bad news for the consumer is predicted in a staff memorandum to the Congressional Joint Committee on the Economic Report. The committee staff estimates that retail prices will rise up to 3 per cent within the next six to twelve months.

However, even this prediction may be an under-estimate once the weakening amendments to the Defense Production Act begin to have their full effect. With controls off fresh, frozen, and canned fruits and vegetables, food prices, in particular, may rise considerably.

FOOD BUYS

Summer fruits and vegetables will be the featured items in grocery stores during the current period.

Peas, beans, carrots, cucumbers, and beets are the most popular vegetables. Among the fruits, look for peaches, apricots, and melons.

Prices of eggs and chickens are up. Meat prices are remaining fairly stable.

AVOID KITCHEN BURNS

Housewives can reduce burns suffered by their children and themselves by taking simple safety measures in their kitchen.

To protect young children, make sure that if they have to be in the kitchen there is a fenced-off play space away from the stove. The baby's high chair should be far enough away from the stove so that he cannot reach the hot oven, and see that the chair cannot tip over against the stove. Matches should be kept out of reach of children.

Many serious burns are caused by hot fats spattering or tipping over. Never lift a kettle of hot fat. Wait until it cools.

When removing a cover from a pan or kettle raise the far side first so that the steam will come out away from you. Keep enough pot holders at hand within convenient reach of the stove. Round holders may be safer than the usual square shape because they fit the hand and there is no danger of the sides scorching or catching fire as with the square ones.

Keep such things as window curtains, towels, paper calendars, or collections of paper bags far enough away from the stove so they cannot come in contact with hot stoves or flame.

Above all, if you have a gas range, remember to open the oven door before turning on the gas and lighting the oven.

FOOD HINTS

Keep sandwich fillings and salad

Ask Direct Vote On President!

Chicago.—Fifty-three Democratic Senators and Representatives petitioned the Democratic platform committee to include a plank calling for nation-wide Presidential primary elections.

In a statement announcing the proposals, Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois and Rep. Charles Bennett of Florida said "disgraceful events" disclosed at the Republican national convention emphasized the need for changing the method of picking Presidential candidates.

The reform recommended calls for the Federal government to underwrite primaries at the rate of 20 cents for each vote cast. The Senate Rules Committee, which had approved a bill similar to the recommendation, estimated that the cost probably would amount to \$1.9 million on the basis of 9½ million voters. States would be permitted to regulate the elections as they saw fit. They would decide, for instance, whether election results would be binding on delegates.

The change could be voted into law by Congress. Among those petitioning the platform committee were Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, a Presidential candidate; Sen. Earle Clements of Kentucky, campaign manager for Vice-President Alben Barkley; Sen. Edwin Johnson of Colorado, campaign manager for Sen. Richard Russell of Georgia, and Rep. Franklin Roosevelt of New York, campaign manager for Mutual Security Administrator Averell Harriman.

90% Vote!

In Reykjavik, Iceland, union leaders boasted of a voter-turn-out of more than 90 per cent in the country's first popular election of a president. They asked American labor leaders why only 49 per cent of the eligible American voters cast their votes in the last U.S. presidential election.

Keep Rent Lid, AFL Urges

AFL President William Green has requested all Central Labor Unions to sponsor petitions asking their city government to continue rent ceilings, where such action is found necessary to protect workers.

The new Defense Production Act, Green pointed out in a letter to CLU secretaries, provides for rent control to end after Sept. 30, 1952, except in "critical defense areas," and in communities which, by a resolution of their governing body or by popular referendum, declare that "a substantial shortage of housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal control."

The AFL president added that most communities where federal rent controls now operate still face serious housing shortages, and that removal of rent controls results in sharp increases in rents.

All-Time High Seen for Prices In the Next Year

Washington (LPA).—Government economists predict that prices, right now the highest ever, will go even higher in the next six to twelve months. They estimate the consumer price index will go up 1 to 3 per cent more.

Which reveals how phony were the arguments that the danger of inflation was over, offered in debate while the House was butchering controls, finally passing a monstrosity that even its own conferees couldn't stomach when they got together with the Senate conferees.

A staff memorandum to the Joint Committee on the Economic Report was made public by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.). The prediction was based on the continuation of the recent rise in rents and services, firmer prices for textiles and consumer durable goods, and on the assumption that the steel strike would be settled soon and that the cold war would not turn into a hot war. (Retail food prices went up 0.3 per cent between May 26 and June 15, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported July 7.)

Even the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which had been beating the drum for ending controls, admitted in its July issue of Economic Intelligence that prices would go up. The Chamber said "Whether by design or stumbling, the steps taken in recent months are likely to put our economy under upward price pressures in the period ahead unless countering steps are taken."

The National Industrial Conference Board reported July 2 that the cost of living hit a new all-time high in May, with the highest increase in the grocery bill.

On the same day, showing how accurate the financial papers are, the Journal of Commerce, in an editorial attacking President Truman's blast against the fable controls law finally passed, said that continuation of inflation was unlikely. This is what it said: "Actually, if there is any resumption of inflationary forces this year—which is doubtful except in the case of any sudden serious deterioration in the international situation, meaning war—it won't be caused by the changes in the Defense Production Act."

Must Do Better In Getting Out Vote

Madison, Wis. (LPA).—Labor has political power but must learn more effective means of getting out the vote, Andrew Biemiller told an Institute on the University of Wisconsin campus of the International Ladies Garment Workers.

Biemiller, former Milwaukee Congressman, said "I'm proud to be a politician. Politicians are pretty important in a democracy, because they deal with 'bread and butter' legislation, and are subject to the will of the people."

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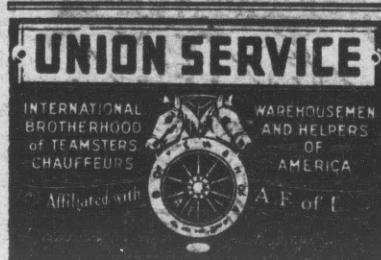
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CONTRACTS

FRESH PACK INDUSTRY: We wish to report an offer of five cents per hour increase by the fresh pack industry was turned down by the members employed at these plants. We are arranging for a further meeting with the companies.

GENTRY DIVISION of Consolidated Grocers, dehydrators of garlic and onions have signed the agreement for the coming year.

LONG LINE AND TURN AROUND: We have received WSB approval for the long line and turn around drivers as of July 15. Also a welfare plan of \$8.65 per month covering the drivers and dependents. The rate of pay for long line drivers is now \$2 per hour and the turn around rate is \$1.85 per hour retroactive to May 1.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED VOTER?

It is a matter of paramount importance that every wage earner in California should vote Nov. 4, but thousands of the wage earner public will be denied that right unless they register between now and September 11. Those who must register on or before Sept. 11 are:

1. Persons who have changed their address since last registering.

2. Those who through marriage or court action have changed their name since last registering.

3. Those who have reached the age of 21 since the last election. A person not 21 may register before Sept. 11, providing he will be 21 on Nov. 4.

4. New residents who have resided but one year in the state or 90 days in the county prior to November 4.

5. Persons who failed to vote in the 1950 general election.

After checking the above if you find you are not a registered voter, please do so immediately. Registrars are available at your union office, both in Salinas and Monterey.

NEW MEMBERS FROM CASTROVILLE

At a special meeting in Castroville the night of July 23, those members of Local 912 employed at D'Arrigo Bros., Tri-Counties Packing, Monterey Bay Packing, and Associated Produce voted unanimously to affiliate with Local 890. The charter for Local 912 has been moved to Santa Cruz County where a general Teamsters local similar to Local 890 in Monterey County has been set up. We are happy to welcome this new group into our group.

NEWS BITS

Donald Morris, employed by the Salinas School district, was married Saturday, July 12, claiming the former Joy Van Ausdall as his bride. They were married in the First United Presbyterian Church, and after a brief honeymoon in Carmel Valley are making their home at 928 Capistrano Drive, Salinas.

Dero Dyer met with a painful accident Saturday morning at Spiegel Farms, falling and fracturing his left arm, and was hospitalized for a couple of days. He is making progress but his arm will be in a cast for some time.

BLOOD BANK

The following generously donated blood to the blood bank during the month of July: Mrs. Virgil A. Cri-

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ger, Lewis Bradley, Earl Ritchey, Robert Mathews, Paul Williams, Clarence Horton, Edward Carrigan and Harry Unti. The foregoing names seem to appear on our blood donor chart regularly every three months, and we know it is appreciated very much. How about some new donors? Of course no payment is made for blood in dollars and cents, but each donor realizes a great satisfaction in knowing they have helped to save a life. Sign a pledge card at your union office today.

WELFARE

The following members have benefited from the welfare plan during the months of June and July: Joseph Silveira, Norberto Villegas, Sterling Howe, James Gourley, Bruce Townsend and Virgil Hopkins.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Little League season is again nearing the end of a very successful summer.

The All-Star teams have been chosen to play in the sub-sectional Tourney on August 2nd. The two clubs from each park, Rodeo and Robertson, will clash to select a team for the sectional play-offs.

The Teamsters Union wishes to congratulate their members who have managed Little League teams and who were also chosen to manage the all-star teams. John DiMatteo, employed by Langendorf Bakery, is assistant manager for the Pacific League; Bob Cantrell, a Mission Creamery employee, is managing the American League and for the National League Pierre Richlin of Modern Baking Co. and Dick Klingensmith, another Mission Creamery employee, manager and assistant manager, respectively.

These fellows deserve a lot of credit for their time and effort put into managing Little League teams throughout the season.

The championship games will be held August 8, 9 and 10 in Salinas and we urge all our members and their families to attend these final games and watch the Little Leaguers show their talents as big league ball players of tomorrow.

GO UNION—BUY LABEL.

Jailed Pickets Ask Deloused Jail

Ponchatoula, La.—When members of the AFL National Agricultural Workers Union go to jail for peaceful picketing they want to get into a clean jail.

That's what members of the executive board of the Fruit and Vegetable Producers Union Local 312 of the NAWU announced. The board offered \$100 to the town of Ponchatoula to clean up the jail. This was contingent on a simple offer by one or more other public spirited merchants.

George Forstall, local union secretary, said several union members were locked up over night for peaceful picketing in a farm strike near Ponchatoula, and complained that the jail was filthy and infested with bed bugs.

"The members don't object to going to jail for union activities," said Forstall, "but they don't like to be kept awake all night by bed bugs."

In Union Circles

New office equipment has been ordered for Laborers Union 690, Painters Union 272, and the county Building Trades Council, installed in their suite of offices in the Cannery Workers Hall, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey. Included are new desks, already received, and filing cabinets and other necessary items which are due shortly.

When speaking of the new Laborers-Painters-BTC offices, one must always speak softly—and never make a pun about being "green with envy"!

Alfred J. Clark, secretary-treasurer of the Monterey Building Trades Council in Salinas and also secretary and business manager of Culinary-Bartenders Union 355, left this week on a vacation trip with his wife. He said they "will drive north," with no destination in mind—just rest and relaxation.

Mrs. Lillian Johnson, office secretary for Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, was due back on the job this week after an extended illness and vacation.

E. R. ("Brownie") Arbuckle, business manager of Plumbers Local 503 of Salinas, is on his vacation this week, destination and plans not announced.

Teamsters 890 Bus. Mgr. "Bud" Kenyon and Bus. Agt. Glen Wilkerson were scheduled to attend the Western Conference of Teamsters sessions this week in Seattle.

Housing Starts Total 106,000 in June

Washington, D.C.—Non-farm housing starts totaled 106,000 in June, about 1,000 less than in May, according to preliminary estimates of the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

June was the fourth consecutive month this year in which over 100,000 new permanent non-farm dwelling units were started. However, the June figure this year was substantially lower than in 1950, and in 1951 when a large number of publicly owned units were started.

The June estimate of private starts (99,200) was the largest for the month in any year except 1950.

Pension increases in Britain for 695,000 disabled and 150,000 widows of both world wars became effective in May.

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General, Sir, Some Advice

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower won the Republican Presidential nomination by fighting the Old Guard in the GOP.

Our advice to him now, if he hopes to win the election, is to repudiate the Old Guard platform adopted by the Republican convention before his nomination.

That platform will collapse under him if Gen. Eisenhower attempts to stand on it. It offers no hope for future progress to the American people. It merely expresses the delusions of the Old Guard that it may still be possible to go back to what the reactionaries consider the "good old days."

This platform is strictly non-union, anti-labor, and no one can be elected President without substantial support from workers, their families, and friends.

Challenge to Our Churches

Churches in America are a tremendous force for good, so greatly needed these days, but we are sorry to note that seldom if ever, in all of the great quantity of sermons, statements, and advice that they give out do they venture into the field of economics.

Since poverty and hardship are so directly related to crime and a bad life, and since security, financial and health security, give such tremendous solace and inspiration to well-doing, why, oh why, are our churches so sensitive to discuss this subject.

There are economic factors in back of all churches, but we do not believe all of our ministers are lacking in courage to take up the economic facts of life. We can only conclude that they prefer to leave that to others, possibly labor unions, and to dwell only on the spiritual side of life.

We only wish that there would be a strong move by our religious leaders, with their great talent and wisdom, to tackle the very spiritual and very prevalent problem of decent wages, hours, and working conditions and to dwell a little less on lofty, hard-to-digest Biblical phraseology.

We make this statement only as a constructive suggestion and only with the greatest respect and sincere admiration for all of our churches and the splendid work they are doing.

Women, A Proposal

The political conventions in a limited way show us a cross-section of American life and thinking, and one noticeable trend seen there is the emergence of women as a force in government. This is understandable when we come to realize that a sizable majority of property is now owned by women, and their needs, whims, and wiles pretty much dominate life here, as compared with other countries.

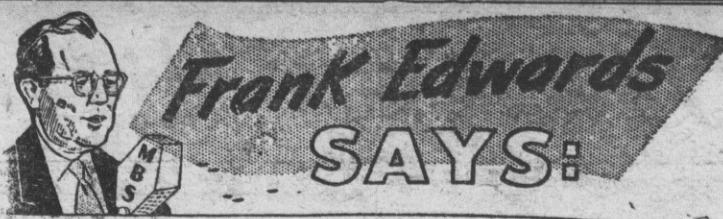
Tribute was paid to one woman whose wisdom, gentleness, and persistent devotion to humanity provides American womanhood with a living ideal—Eleanor Roosevelt. The ovation was for Mr. and Mrs., unquestionably, but it was also for Eleanor, and very significant because of its deep warmth and the woman involved.

Though women long ago attained suffrage here and since then have gained innumerable rights and advantages, they have been slow to arise to a point of responsibility on a level with these rights. Her preoccupation with child viewpoints until mid-life maturity, her susceptibility to male exploitation, and her weakness for material gain or security, all serve to block woman's progress in practical wisdom.

This is unfortunate because they become prey to big business, anti-union propaganda, and too often in casting their vote do so with an imagined kinship with great wealth and power. Individualistic, they take reluctantly to unions, either their own or their husbands'. This is tragic, for women's undivided loyalty could put the U. S. labor movement on top where it belongs.

Psychologists tell us that women definitely can "take hold," when the demand is great enough. Women in the service have proven that. Girls, let's give it a try. Drop the old female stuff and grab an oar. Your surest, safest investment in loyalty and affection is with a good, strong union—your own or your husband's. Run it, if you want, but don't, do not ever let anything sway you from rigid democratic rule, full expression, and majority decision.

As it stands, you are a hapless stooge for clever men. With strong unions you'll rise out of the kid class and attain security and justice you never dreamed were possible.



SAYS:

Washington, D. C.

• Penalty for Not Voting . . .

Because most Virginians do not vote, Sen. Harry Byrd will be back in the Senate for another six years. The Dixiecrat won renomination when only one Virginian out of every six of voting age went to the polls. Byrd's victory guarantees the continued operation of the Taft-Byrd-Milliken-George quartet in the Senate Finance Committee, where they have successfully framed the tax loopholes enabling the favored minority to avoid paying their fair share of taxes.

• Up and Up and Up . . .

Have you looked at your food bill lately? Congress killed food price controls . . . and wholesale food prices jumped upward at a record rate. The Dun and Bradstreet index shows higher prices for flour, corn, sugar, cocoa, peanuts, steers, hogs, and lambs. As you dig deeper to pay for the groceries, don't forget the 82d Congress.

• New Disease?

President Truman has been ill. Wonder if he is suffering from that new epidemic which broke out at the GOP convention . . . among the Taft forces . . . It's called "Dwight's Disease."

• Steel and Profits . . .

Presidential Advisor John Steelman is reported in favor of giving the steel companies a price increase of more than \$5 per ton. This is enough to guarantee fabulous profits . . . and is far above the amount to which the companies are entitled under the law. Question . . . If the steel companies can get a price increase above the amount provided by law . . . how can the government refuse to grant similar oversize price increases to other industries?

JOKES, Etc.

Vice-President Alben Barkley's definition of an economist: "He is a financier without any money who wears a Phi Beta Kappa key on one end of a watch chain and no watch on the other."

It has been suggested that the reason there were fewer wrecks in the horse and buggy days was because the driver didn't depend wholly on his own intelligence.

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A young mother was bathing her baby and a neighbor's little girl watched the proceedings. The child was holding a doll minus an arm and a leg.

"How long have you had your baby?" asked the little visitor.

"Three months," replied the mother.

And the little girl said:

"My but you've kept it nice."

The church was jammed for the wedding and after the ceremony there was a rush to kiss the bride. Finally she looked at one man and said:

"I don't know you. Why are you kissing me?"

"I dunno, lady," he answered. "When I joined the line outside I thought it was for hamburger."

Posing the farmer with his college-age son for a picture, the photographer suggested that the boy stand with his hand on his father's shoulder.



CARE TO SWIM?—CBS Actress Lisa Loughlin, this year's National Swim for Health representative, could probably get anyone into the water. (LPA)

"If you want it to look natural," said the long-suffering parent, "he could put his hand in my pocket."

An optimist is a man who makes the best of it when he gets the worst of it.

There is one nice thing about babies. They don't go around bragging about the bright things their fathers and mothers have said.

A small boy, after his first train ride, was telling his pal about his new ambition—to be a railway conductor.

"But," asked the friend, "wouldn't you rather be an engineer and run the train?"

"No, siree," he replied. "The conductor gets all the comic books that kids leave on the trains."

A woman went to a hospital for a thorough examination. One specialist examined her eyes and another her throat. A third X-rayed her. And so on. Finally she had been checked over by fourteen specialists. Then one day a little man in white came into her room carrying a bucket of water, a few rags and some brushes.

"What are you going to do?" she asked feebly.

"I'm going to wash your windows."

Hidden tax: One that's ashamed to come out in the open.

A jury usually despises who has the best lawyer.

A business which might be a very good thing is the hat check concession in the Presidential ring.

The pre-election season impels one to remark that Presidential timber is very largely bark.

Byrd Returned by Small Vote Turnout

Richmond, Va.—Sen. Harry Byrd won renomination in Virginia's Democratic primary when he defeated Francis Pickens Miller by 85,000 votes out of 350,000 cast. The victory was tantamount of election in this strongly Democratic state.

Only about one of every six Virginians of voting age, and less than half of the registered voters, went to the polls.

The Byrd machine suffered a defeat in the new 10th District when Edmund Campbell won nomination to the House seat formerly held by Howard Smith, who gained renomination from another district. Campbell defeated a Byrd candidate, Maynard Magruder, and two other opponents in a close race.



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone Cypress 2-2430.

WHY SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS ARE NOT PAID TO EMPLOYED PERSONS

Federal old-age and survivors insurance is not an annuity program—it provides benefits only upon retirement (or to survivors upon death). Its purpose is to assure some income to people deprived of earnings because of old age or because of the death of the family breadwinner.

For the aged, this insurance undertakes to replace part of the wage or earned income loss due to retirement at any time after age 65. It is not intended to provide payments to persons merely for having reached the age of 65. At the present time the average age at which people first claim old-age insurance benefits is 68½ years. The tax rates which support the program take this into account.

In keeping with these considerations, the law defines the amount of earnings (from work covered by social security) a person may have and still receive monthly benefits. This is called the "work clause." The present law sets this amount at not more than \$50 a month (to be changed to \$75 a month as of September of this year).

The purpose of the "work clause" is to test actual retirement. Whether at any given time earnings of more or less than the present \$50 constitute a sound test is a matter of judgment and public policy. The Social Security Administration believed that the sum which beneficiaries may earn and still get benefits should be increased, and was instrumental in effecting the increase to \$75.

If the "work clause" were to be eliminated and benefits paid to all insured workers at age 65 and thereafter, regardless of earnings, the cost in 1953 would be \$1,100,000—an increase of about 50 per cent over the total amount which would otherwise be paid to all beneficiaries during 1953 under the present law. The amount would grow in subsequent years. If the "work clause" were removed from the law, there would have to be either a substantial increase in the contribution rate or a reduction in the size of the benefits. Moreover, a high proportion of the new beneficiaries would be persons working full time and no more in need of benefits than regularly employed people at younger ages. To pay benefits in such cases is not the best use of the funds available for social insurance.

For further information on these or any other points concerning your social security, get in touch with the Social Security Administration field office at the above address.

Forced Listening

In Coventry, England, union leaders in this highly industrialized center would never have believed that marriage advice could ever split a factory wide open. A local plant manager decided that "you can't be happy at the factory if you are happy at home" and began a series of broadcasts on marriage advice over the factory's amplifying system each morning. Workers who had been married only a short time loved the programs and clamored for more. But workers who had been married for 15 to 20 years bellowed with boredom and threatened to walk out if the "nonsense" was continued.

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IAC EXPLAINS PROBLEMS IN COMPENSATION

California Industrial Accident Commission gives workers the answers to questions regarding Workmen's Compensation Laws this week in Series VIII, on the subject of "Commutation" (continued):

Question: Will requests for commutation be favorably entertained for the payment of bona fide indebtedness or for business investment opportunity?

Answer: Yes, subject to limitations otherwise defined, requests for commutations will be favorably entertained in order to pay or defray bona fide indebtedness and for business investment opportunities, provided that the granting thereof assists in a rehabilitation effort, does not contradict primary purpose of compensation, and is not for speculative purposes.

Question: Will commutation be ordered without directing immediate payment of all funds to the injured workman or to his dependents?

Answer: Yes. If the employer is uninsured and the awarded compensation is payable periodically over an extended future period, or if circumstances otherwise require, the present value of such future payments may be determined (discounted at 3 per cent per annum) and may be ordered paid to the State Compensation Insurance Fund, or to a savings bank or trust company, to be disbursed thereby in accordance with the original award, or as otherwise directed by the Commission in its order directing commutation.

Question: Are awards of temporary indemnity commuted?

Answer: Rarely. It is only where the employer is uninsured, and without bond insuring the payment of compensation, that temporary benefits are estimated and speeded by the entry of a commutation order.

Question: Will a commutation be made of compensation payable under an advised informal permanent disability rating?

Answer: Commutations will not be made until and unless the defined benefits of an informal rating are reduced to an award either by agreement of the parties, or following a hearing of the claim.

Question: How is the amount of temporary or permanent indemnity determined for purposes of commutation?

Answer: It is statutorily defined and determined as provided by Labor Code Section 5101.

Question: Without commutation, is a death benefit payable in a lump sum?

Answer: No. By law all compensation benefits, unless payment is otherwise directed, are payable on a weekly basis, but not less frequently than twice each calendar month.

Question: Does the commuting result in a reduction in benefits?

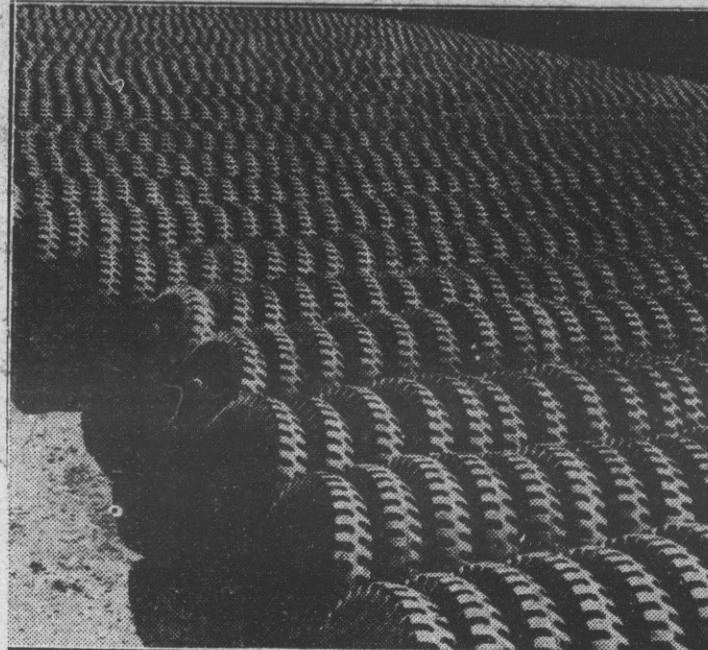
Answer: Yes, slightly. The benefits otherwise payable over a future period are discounted upon an annuity basis at the rate of 3 per cent per annum. The computation is made under mathematical formula.

Question: May a partial commutation of benefits be directed?

Answer: Yes. The Commission is authorized to commute the whole or a part of the future benefits payable. In such cases it may direct commutation of either the immediate or future benefits payable. Usually the future benefits, mainly those most remote in period of time, are first affected, but this depends upon the circumstances of the immediate case.

Question: Upon what mathematical formula is the 3 per cent per annum computed in commutations?

Answer: All commutations are computed under the officially established commutation tables, except in cases of life pensions, wherein a special computation is necessarily made by the Permanent Disability Rating Bureau.



PART OF ONE DAY'S SUPPLY OF TIRES AND WHEELS—At an Army repair shop in Japan acres of heavy automobile tires are used in rehabilitating military vehicles which had been abandoned after World War II. These were collected from the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa, and other islands where they had been assembled for possible invasion of Japan. The pile pictured here represents the number required for one day's production of 2½-ton trucks. (Dept. of Defense photo.)

LABOR PAPER STORY RESULTS IN BETTER CARE FOR INJURED

An article in a labor paper exposing shabby treatment given to workers injured on ships in inland waters has resulted in a great improvement in handling of these cases and a definite promise from the federal agency involved to give quick and careful attention to all cases in the future.

This was revealed last week by San Francisco-Oakland Bay Cities Metal Trades Council, which declared that a front-page article in its official weekly paper, the Labor Review, had brought quick and definite results where years of verbal and written protest had been ineffectual in the past.

The article in the Labor Review gave a full account of repeated protest brought up in our council meetings and blasted the federal agency for its high-handed treatment of men whose ability to earn a livelihood has been cut off or reduced by injury on the job," said Secretary Al Wynn.

The article was the best thing in the world to bring attention to the injustices involved, and we are very happy that we have thus been able to brighten and lighten the darkened lives of our unfortunate brothers."

The article was entitled "The Living Dead—Men Injured on Ships Given Shabby Treatment."

The agency concerned with such injuries operates under the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act. Local administrators have invited the Metal Trades Council to present any and all grievances directly in the future and assured the council that full consideration will be given to them.

Chief protests have been that injured people are cut down on their rate of compensation, given phoney medical advice much as in the terribly unjust situation of the company doctor, forced to work when unable to do so, and generally kicked around in an arbitrary and wholly unjust manner.

Now, the situation is to be corrected, the Metal Trades Council is informed. But it will still keep an eagle eye on all cases.

Wage-Hour Violations

Memphis, Tenn.—Three officials of Bearings and Transmissions, Inc., of Memphis—Cleo E. Hall, president; Herman C. Wexler, secretary-treasurer, and Thomas E. Fisher Jr., office manager—were found guilty of willfully violating the Federal wage and hour law (Fair Labor Standards Act) in the U. S. Circuit Court here, and fined \$2,500.

Charges included failure to pay certain employees the minimum wage and overtime compensation for working more than 40 hours in the workweek.

CIO to Confer With AFL on Status Of Gutless WSB

Chicago (LPA)—President Philip Murray of the CIO announced July 18 that a committee headed by Walter Reuther of the United Auto Workers will confer soon with the AFL to decide on whether to let labor members serve on the new Wage Stabilization Board which starts operating Aug. 1.

The AFL has called a special meeting of its Council for Washington July 28 to discuss the problem.

The new board, while still tripartite, will have no power to settle disputes, and its function will be advisory. All its members will have to be confirmed by the Senate.

U.S. May Ban Use Of 'Wonder Drug' Chloromycetin

Washington (LPA)—The U. S. Food and Drug Administration is thinking about banning the use of the "wonder" drug chloromycetin because of occasional deaths resulting from its use.

The drug is the only known specific cure for typhoid fever and has been very effective in treating infections of the urinary tract, undulant fever, several types of pneumonia, dysentery, typhus, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, gonorrhea and other venereal diseases. On the other hand, it is known to cause aplastic anemia, in which bone marrow loses the capacity to produce blood cells. Many deaths have been traced to it.

Because there is some disagreement whether aplastic anemia can be halted by discontinuing the use of chloromycetin in time, the FDA has asked the National Research Council to name a group of nationally recognized experts in hematology and internal medicine to study the history of the drug and recommend whether to ban its use entirely.

In Britain 25,000 people have been accepted by the Agriculture Ministry to "lend a hand on the land" this year. Another 50,000 are expected to volunteer.

HERE'S THE 'RECORD' OF THE 82ND DO-NOTHING CONGRESS

The do-nothing policy of the 1952 session of the 82d Congress is damningly illustrated by its own record. Last Jan. 2, the AFL News-Reporter listed the major problems facing the incoming Congress and recommending action.

Here is the list of problems, the action urged by the AFL in each case, and what Congress accomplished:

PRICE CONTROL

A real price control law should be passed to replace the present phony one.

TAXES

A law plugging loopholes in present tax legislation should be enacted.

HOUSING

Congress should make sure that houses and apartments are built that servicemen and defense workers could afford to rent.

RENT CONTROL

The rent control law should be strengthened so that rents would stop increasing.

TAFT-HARTLEY ACT

The entire act should be repealed. If that is not done, the amendment to the act backed by the AFL Building and Construction Trades Dept. should be approved.

FOREIGN AID

Countries friendly to the U. S. that need help should be given it. The U. S. should see to it that workers as well as employers in those countries benefit from U. S. aid.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Old-age pensions should be increased. More people should be able to get pensions.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Congress should let people pay for their doctor bills through a national health insurance program.

HOSPITAL CARE

If a national health insurance program is not passed, Congress should at least provide free hospital care for people getting social security pensions.

DOCTOR SHORTAGE

Money should be given to medical schools and scholarships to students so more doctors, dentists, and nurses can be trained.

JOBLESS PAY

Unemployment benefits should be increased.

MINIMUM WAGE

The present minimum wage of 75¢ an hour should be raised to at least \$1.

SCHOOL SHORTAGE

Money should be provided under a federal aid to education law to pay teachers more and build more schools.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Laws should be passed to prevent discrimination because of race, creed, or color.

9,500 Workers Get Boost From Alcoa

Pittsburgh.—The Aluminum Company of America and the AFL Aluminum Workers of America signed a five-year contract which gives 9,500 workers in six Alcoa plants a 10 per cent general wage increase. The new contract contains a cost-of-living escalator clause and is retroactive to March 15.

Plants affected are at Cressona, Pa.; Chillicothe, Ohio; Davenport, Ia.; East St. Louis, Ill.; Lafayette, Ind., and Massena, N.Y.

10% BOOST

The contract's main provisions call for a 10 per cent increase equal to about 15 cents per hour and a continuation of the maintenance of

Manufacturer Fined

Chicago, Ill.—William Levin, doing business as the Sharward Manufacturing Co., of Chicago, was fined \$1,000 by Judge Michael L. Igoe in the U. S. District Court here after Levin had filed a plea of guilty to a 30-count criminal information charging willful violations of the Federal wage-hour law.

Judge Igoe also ordered the company to pay back wages of \$1,556 to 17 employees affected by the violation.

The criminal information filed by the Government charged the company with deliberate falsification of records to avoid payment of legal overtime wages due under the Fair Labor Standards Act. Other counts in the criminal information charged failure to keep proper records and the interstate shipment of goods produced in violation of the law.

membership clause contained for the past several years in contracts between Alcoa and the aluminum workers.

The cost-of-living escalator clause, a new feature in aluminum industry wage agreements, calls for an annual wage increase of 4 cents an hour for each year of the five-year pact, in addition to a quarterly adjustment of wages based on the commodity price index. This 4-cent annual increase became effective July 1, 1952.

If the cost-of-living index should rise to 200 by July 1, 1953, 1 cent per hour will be added to the second annual increase and will be maintained in the annual increases for the remainder of the five-year contract if living costs justify it. If the index does not maintain a certain upward trend, the wage contract may be reopened on 30 days' notice by either party.

VACATION GAINS

Other terms of the contract: Paid vacation allowances are increased from three weeks after 25 years' service to three weeks after 15 years.

Shift premiums are increased from 4 to 6 cents on the afternoon turn and from 6 to 9 cents on the third turn.

Insurance benefits call for \$30 per week for 26 weeks for non-occupational illnesses.

Hospitalization benefits will be increased from a previous board and room allowance of \$8.50 to \$10 per day.

The contract covering fringe issues is a two-year agreement which may be opened July 1, 1954.

Hosiery Workers Open Label Drive

(State Fed. Release)

In an appeal to the California labor movement the AFL American Federation of Hosiery Workers has asked all trade unionists to buy only union label hosiery.

Members of the industry were recently compelled to take a wage cut and the entire industry is now operating in a depression economy, according to John J. McCoy, director of union label promotion for the international.

The AFL union is now engaged in a nationwide union label campaign to promote the sale of union label hosiery, and to protect the wages, standards and jobs of union members.

Non-union mills are currently slashing wages and imposing sweat-shop conditions in the industry.

McCoy declared the following

firms and brands carry the AFL union label:

Apex Hosiery Company, Philadelphia; brand name: Apex, Non-Run and Design, Pexco, Irresistible, Lucille, Estelle.

Excello Hosiery Mills, Hawthorne, New Jersey; brand name: Excello.

Green Lane Hosiery Company, Green Lane, Pennsylvania; brand name: Green Lane.

Propper McCallum Company, Northampton, Massachusetts; brand name: Propper-McCallum.

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Family Hurt By Decontrol

(AFL Release)

Price controls covering items that take about 20 per cent of the housewife's food budget and 7 per cent of the average family's total expenditures, were lifted when the government removed ceilings on nearly all canned and frozen fruits and vegetables.

Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall said Congress forced the Office of Price Stabilization to take the action when it approved an amendment to the economic controls law specifically exempting the products from control.

OPS now is studying about 10 per cent of the items in the field not yet decontrolled. These often are combined with other products.

An OPS official said the exemptions applied to 90 per cent of all processed fruits and vegetables.

GOP PLANK CALLED 'INSULT' TO WORKERS

(AFL Release)

Rochester, N. Y.—Blistering criticism of the Republican Party's platform was voiced at the New York Federation of Labor convention here by AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany. Mr. Meany told the 1100 delegates that the labor plank adopted by the GOP was an "insult" to the intelligence of American workers.

The AFL leader evoked an outburst of scornful laughter and applause from the delegates when he pointed out that "this platform has the temerity to say that the Taft-Hartley Act gives us the right to quit our jobs."

GOD-GIVEN RIGHT

"I always thought God gave that right to free men," Mr. Meany declared.

He also noted that the platform claimed that the Taft-Hartley Act

GOP HITS ROCK BOTTOM ON McCARTHY INVITE

"The Republican convention in Chicago reached rock bottom. This was when Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin, traducer of reputations and mudslinger extraordinary, sponsor (under the libel-proof privileges of the Senate) of the incredible charge that Gen. George C. Marshall has been part of a 'conspiracy so immense and an infamy so black as to dwarf any previous such venture in the history of man,' mounted the rostrum to address the assembled delegates. He did so at the explicit invitation of the Republican National Committee, tendered by it for reasons best known to itself."—The New York Times, July 10, 1952.

(Note to Wisconsin readers: McCarthy will run for re-election this year.)

guarantees to unions the right to strike.

"That right was possessed by American workers long before Mr. Taft was born," Mr. Meany countered.

Attacking Republican attempts to masquerade the nefarious objectives of the Taft-Hartley Act with sanctimonious propaganda phrases, Mr. Meany insisted that the law means continued "slavery for labor."

Together with State Federation President Thomas A. Murray, he called upon the 1,400,000 AFL members in New York State to become politically active so that candidates opposed to labor's interests can be defeated at the polls.

ISSUES WARNING

Mr. Meany warned that otherwise the next Congress may attempt to enact "further and more repressive legislation against the trade union movement," notably the proposal of the National Association of Manufacturers for a ban against industry-wide bargaining.

The only way the nation's workers can protect themselves and

their rights effectively is on the political battlefield, Mr. Meany warned.

He charged that the AFL's attempts to persuade the Republican Party to adopt a more liberal platform had been vetoed and spiked by the Old Guard leaders of the GOP.

CRUCIAL LABOR YEAR

After his address, Mr. Meany told reporters that, in his opinion, the Republican Presidential nominee, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, would not follow the labor plank in the GOP platform. He said he drew that conclusion from the general's own statements in his pre-convention campaign.

The convention keynote address by Mr. Murray castigated state legislators and members of Congress who supported anti-labor legislation.

"This is a crucial year for labor in this country," he said. "If we fail to get out the labor vote, if we fail to elect our friends and defeat our enemies, regardless of party labels, we may find that reaction has so firmly saddled itself on our backs that we will not be able to dislodge it in our lifetime."

Boss Reaches Far To Kill Election, Strains Relations

Bound Brook, N. J. (LPA).—What won't a boss try next?

There was a representation election at the American Partition Corp. here in April. The vote was 11 for Local 22026, AFL Federal Labor Union, 11 against, with two challenges. One challenge was sustained. The NLRB regional director ordered the other ballot opened and counted.

The company filed an objection—not because of a question of the individual worker's right to vote—but because, it argued, to open the ballot "would destroy the secrecy of the ballot."

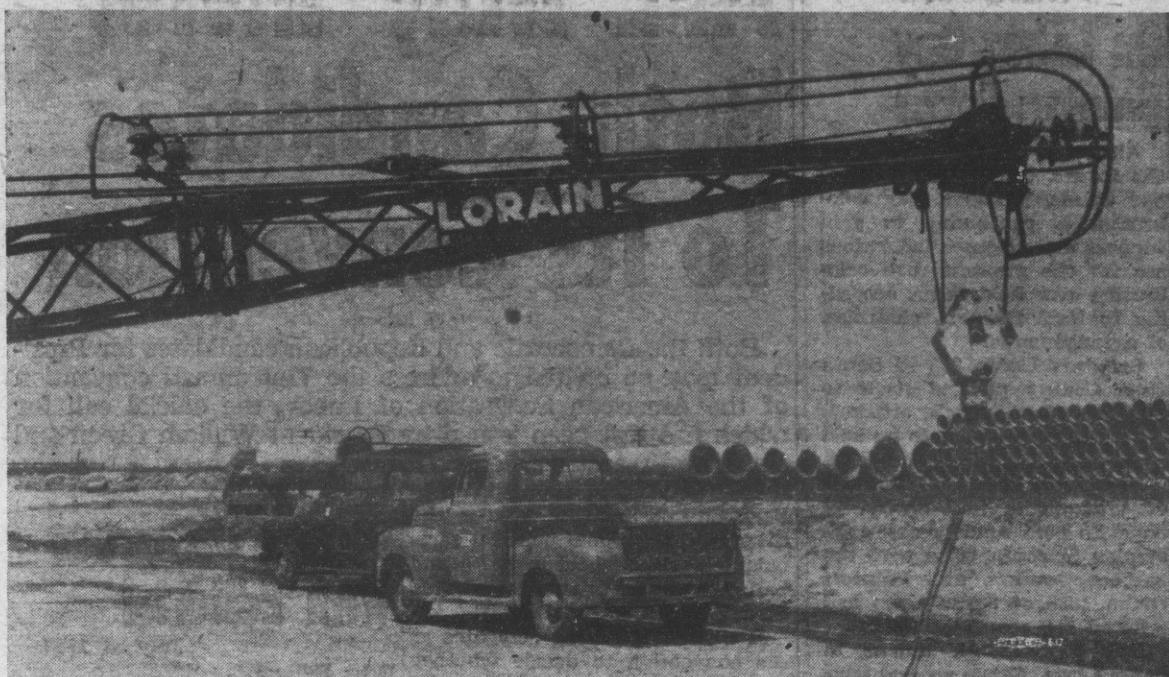
Keeping a straight face, the NLRB ruled July 10: "We find no merit in this contention. It is true that Schoonmaker's vote will be publicly known—but this is an unavoidable result of the challenge procedure. In the present case, only one challenged vote is involved, but the same argument could be made to opening two, three, four or any number of challenged ballots, since there is always the possibility that all challenged voters will vote the same way . . ."

It directed that the ballot be opened and counted.



AFGHANISTAN ENGINEERS—Bro. Roy Kingery, superintendent for Morrison-Knudsen Co., on their huge reclamation project in far-away Afghanistan, is shown above plowing an Operating Engineers union button on his shovel operator, with other native workers looking on. The Engineers and MK are bringing water, power, roads, and a new life to this primitive region. Bro. Kingery is a member of Operating Engineers Local 3.

INSULATED BOOM CAN SAVE THE LIVES OF MANY



"ELECTRIC CHAIR" FOR ENGINEERS?—Shown above is a crane insulating arrangement which may prove a lifesaver to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Teamsters, and other craftsmen. It is a dielectric boom guard made of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. steel rod covered with rubber and anchored through insulators that will

take 50,000 volts. It was developed by A. J. Thomas of United Concrete Pipe Corp. Cranes and booms hitting high tension lines electrocute more men than all the electric chairs in U. S. prisons. Picture, courtesy "Engineers News-Record," L. A. Operating Engineers Local 12.

HIS ANTI-UNIONISM DEFEATED R. A. TAFT

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—The opposition of labor helped to block Sen. Robert A. Taft's bid for the most coveted honor of his life—the Republican presidential nomination. Taft failed to get the support of the big delegations from industrial states like Michigan, with 46 votes, Pennsylvania, with 70 votes, and New York, with 96 votes.

And the reason was this:

The Republican leaders in pivotal industrial states did not want to buck all-out determined campaigning by all of labor against their presidential nominee.

WOULD HURT CHANCES

Such opposition, they knew, would hurt not only their chances of capturing the presidency, but the congressional and state tickets of the party, as well.

Besides the states already men-

tioned, Taft failed to win any substantial following in California, Massachusetts and New Jersey, all industrial states.

Voicing labor's irrevocable opposition to Taft was AFL First Vice-President William L. Hutcheson, president emeritus of the Brotherhood of Carpenters—the only top union official to sit in this Republican convention as a delegate.

Mr. Hutcheson had rowed publicly with the Taft forces in his own state of Indiana which tried to run its steamroller over him.

HUTCHESON BACKED WINNER

And on the opening day of the convention, Mr. Hutcheson told Frank Edwards, the AFL news commentator who covered the proceedings, that he would never vote for Taft. Mr. Hutcheson entered the convention as a supporter of General Eisenhower and rode with the winner.

The tip-off that labor opposition proved instrumental in blocking Taft's drive for the nomination came from delegates close to A. E. Summerfield, Michigan, national committeeman and leader of his delegation, and Gov. John S. Fine, leader of the Pennsylvania delegation.

Summerfield and Fine knew that back in their home states were thousands of union members who would actively campaign against Taft.

Taft Defeat

In Chicago, Senator Taft's overwhelming defeat by General Eisenhower for the Republican Presidential nomination also resulted in another Taft humiliation—a large financial contribution for a renewed fight against the Taft-Hartley Act. Five leaders of an AFL Metalworkers' local visited Taft headquarters and Taft campaign points in all hotels and around the convention hall. At each spot they collected boxes filled with hundreds and thousands of "Taft for President" buttons. Then they visited a dozen dealers who had stocked up on tens of thousands of metal plates, reading "Win With Taft," intended for automobiles. By the time they finished, the five AFL men had two small trucks full of Taft souvenirs. These, by careful pre-arrangement, were driven to a junk dealer who had offered the highest bid. The sale brought them even more money than they had expected—and every penny of it was placed in a special union fund to print leaflets and pamphlets attacking the Taft-Hartley Act for distribution to voters during the election campaign.

He went into the whole history of controls legislation to document his charges. He debunked the press stories of soft prices, declaring that "something more than half of the cost of living items—the goods and services for which the average family spends the bulk of its budget—are at their peak levels at the present moment," that the cost of living is rising, and will hit an all-time high in the next index.

There have been small reductions in the price of fancy brands and fancy names, said Putnam, but in the standard grades for most staples in food, "prices are at peak and pushing against the lid."

A good local union is essential—it starts with you.

Do-Nothing Congress Hit!

(AFL Release)

General dissatisfaction with the 82nd Congress was expressed by a number of members following adjournment.

Said Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.): "The 82nd Congress has a pretty good record on foreign affairs and defense preparedness, but on domestic legislation it was buried in a driving snow storm of special interest."

Rep. Edward Sittler (R., Pa.), said: "I'm afraid your (national) legislature itself is not a great deal different from an individual. We delay and procrastinate up until the very last week of the session, then everybody gets adjournment fever and we rush legislation pell-mell through the two bodies at a rate that leaves most of us breathless."

Rep. Richard Bolling (D., Mo.), wrote in a news release: "As long ago as Jan. 9, 1951, I came to the conclusion that this Congress would not be a good one. It has been worse than I feared."

Rep. Winfield Denton (D., Ind.) remarked: "This Congress has been controlled by the Republican-Dixiecrat coalition. The principal object of this powerful Republican-Dixiecrat combination was to harass and cripple the administration."

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Tribute to Murray

Washington (LPA).—Representatives of labor, religious groups, agriculture and other liberal organizations paid tribute July 14 to Sen. James E. Murray (D., Mont.) for his "untiring efforts" in the last 18 years in the Senate "for those who labor, are poor or underprivileged."

The Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee room was filled to capacity as Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing presented a scroll to Senator Murray on behalf of organizations represented. "No person's legislative record can compare with his," Ewing declared, reviewing Murray's sponsorship of labor and health legislation. "His full-employment bill is one of the great monuments of all time. It was designed to make the American way of life work."

AUTO ELECTRIC SYSTEM

All units of your automobile's electric generating and storage system should be checked at regular intervals. For example, failure of the battery may be due to a defective generator or regulator. The battery, generator and regulator all work in unison and failure of one may affect the others.

Attend union meetings.

Good Will Need Told Truckers At Safety Meet

Good public relations is the most important thing a truck driver and his company can remember when a truck is driven down a highway, Capt. Gerald Page of the California highway patrol declared at a safety meeting held by the Coast Line Truck Service Company recently.

Captain Page stated the trucking industry had grown greatly since the time he had first started with the highway patrol. He said even though he and the drivers themselves had confidence in their driving, that many people did not.

He covered Section 731 in the vehicle law and stated that before this section had been put into effect, the driver was held responsible for all violations to the laws, even in cases where he actually was not a violator. This was due to the fact the law was unable to hold the owner responsible for the condition of the equipment, and for traffic violations, he explained. When Section 831 was added, truck owners in this state were made responsible.

The meeting was called by Ed Weaver, safety director for Coast Line Truck Service, Inc. All drivers from the Salinas and Watsonville terminals of the company were present, all members of the Teamsters Union.

Company officials present were L. W. Amburn, Salinas branch manager, J. Smith, chief dispatcher, and M. Hammell, Salinas dispatcher.

Other guests included Lt. Earl Ashton, Salinas police department, G. Wilkerson, of Teamsters Union 890, Russ Hewitt, San Jose branch manager for Transport Indemnity, Alex Meni, insurance adjuster, and Transport Pete, safety engineer for Transport Indemnity.

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Employees of Coast Line Truck Service, Inc., were saluted at a recent dinner at Berdell's. The occasion was a tribute to the fact that the Salinas terminal of the firm marked its 100th day of driving on July 9 without having had an accident. The 100 days, it was estimated, represented 125,000 miles of safe driving in the Salinas area, between Salinas and San Francisco and between Salinas and Los Angeles.

The dinner was presented by Ed Lester, president of the company. Attending were Mr. Lester, Ed Weaver, safety director of the company, Larry Amburn, manager of the terminal, and Russ Hewitt, of Transport Indemnity Company.

Textile Wkrs. Urge Ike to Repudiate GOP Labor Plank

Washington (LPA).—The AFL Textile Workers July 10 called on the Republican Presidential candidate to repudiate the "viciously reactionary, plainly anti-labor Republican platform, in particular the labor plank which calls for the retention of the unfair, anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act."

President Anthony Valente and Secretary Lloyd Klenert, in a joint statement said the nation's workers will never become reconciled to the Taft-Hartley Act, declared no candidate who supports T-H can be regarded as anything but an enemy of labor, and continued:

"General Eisenhower, where do you stand? Do you accept or do you repudiate the vicious anti-labor provisions of the Republican platform, particularly the one upholding the obnoxious Taft-Hartley Act? Please be assured that, if you support the Taft-Hartley Act, the glamour of your uniform and your big smile are not going to impress the tens of millions of working people across the land, those who are organized and those who are not yet organized."

"Only a candidate who stands forthrightly for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act can expect any measure of support at the polls next November 4 from the working people of our country. We therefore call upon you to repudiate the insult to labor which has been incorporated in the 1952 Republican platform."

Employees present were Orville Bailey, Robert Barr, Larry Blakeman, George Botsford, Wesley Carl, Forrest Carl, Norman George, Marion Hammell, Robert Hearn, Lloyd Johnson, Dick Kumre, Mitt Ladd, Dan Martinez, Dick Morgan, Shamus O'Brien, Leslie Parker, Roy Pope, Jack Stanton, Harry Taylor, Virgil Waller, W. D. Wallace, Jim Wood, and Ben Ward. All drivers are members of Teamsters Union 890.

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CASTOR OIL FANS—Wilbur Klingenhager (left) and Charles Flynt, members of the International Association of Machinists in Belleville, Ill., have discovered a new and more pleasant use for castor oil. They mix it with alcohol and other "secret" ingredients to make a fuel for their miniature racing cars which average 120 to 130 miles an hour. The speed record is 146.81. (LPA)

Ways to Health

By Dr. Harold Lemesh, D.C.

LIFE CAN BEGIN AT 40

It has been said that the way for a person to live to ripe old age is to acquire a chronic ailment while young and take good care of it. Are these words of wisdom, or merely words of wit?

It is true that many persons who have become chronically ill in their youth have regained their health through observance of strict health rules and have lived long and useful lives. It is equally true that many persons who have had comparatively good health during the earlier periods of life begin to break in middle age. If you have not "enjoyed" the doubtful advantage of being chronically ill in youth and if you have arrived at the middle period of life, this health article should be of special value to you.

1. Slow down. You may be able to go as fast as before, but if you do you are inviting old age to come prematurely. Make haste slowly if you would live a longer, more useful life.

2. Avoid fatigue—it is a killer. Fatigue produces poisons that injure the nervous system and hasten the onset of old age. When you are tired, rest promptly and completely. To drive yourself to the point of exhaustion is to court disaster.

3. Learn to relax—even while you work. Let your muscles be as loose as possible; you will do your job more easily and save wear and tear on your nervous system.

4. Don't whip your nerves with your emotions. The habit of making emotional "scenes" will sooner or later play havoc with your digestion, or lead to constipation, high blood-pressure, or heart disease.

5. Watch your waistline. Excessive fat after 40 is detrimental, it interferes with the normal function of the liver, the kidneys, and the heart.

6. Be your own sanitary engineer. Look well to your bowels; see to it that they move every day. Avoid harsh laxatives, drastic purgatives. Cultivate the habit of going to stool at a definite time every day and never fail to go at that time. This procedure is most effective.

7. Watch for danger signals. Chronic indigestion, insomnia, headache, fatigue, etc., should not be considered middle-age symptoms. They may be warning signals that your body needs attention.

that you should see a doctor.

8. Resolve not to grow old. People who live in the past grow old accordingly. Don't yearn for the return of the "good old days." Youth lives in the present and future. Keep your mind young and elastic, and make middle age the productive time of life.

Miles Assists In IBEW Picnic

Dial H. Miles, business manager of Salinas Electrical Workers Union 243, has been named to the committee for arranging details of the coming Northern California Joint IBEW picnic at Linda Vista Park, near Mission San Jose, in mid-August.

The area-wide picnic event is held annually at this park. Hundreds of union members from throughout the area gather to take part in entertainment, contests, games, dancing, swimming and other attractions, bringing their own picnic lunches.

WSB Okays Vacations For Cafe Workers

A vacation plan providing for two-week vacations after two years of continuous employment for 300 employees of 18 restaurants and taverns in Monterey County has been approved by the Regional Wage Stabilization Board, Irving Bernstein, chairman, has reported.

Approval was based on the facts contained in the petition submitted by the Employers Council of Monterey County and Local 355 of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees and Bartenders, and prevailing fringe benefits in effect for comparable industries in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.

Industry members of the tripartite body dissented on approval of the vacation plan which was to be effective June 1, 1951.

LABOR AIDS CAMP

Norristown, Pa. (LPA).—A swimming pool built with AFL-contributed labor, was dedicated to the memory of Samuel Gompers, AFL founder, at Camp Rainbow, also built by AFL members. Lewis G. Hines represented William Green, AFL president, at the dedication.

Hear Frank Edwards nightly.

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S.C. Barbecue On Labor Day Gaining Favor

Although still five weeks in the future, the Santa Cruz Labor Council's Labor Day celebration is continuing to gain support and advance indications are for the greatest such celebration ever held there, according to Paul Burnett, chairman of arrangements.

Laborers Union 283 of Santa Cruz County pledged itself to purchase \$250 worth of tickets for the Sept. 1 event, to be held at Laveaga Park in Santa Cruz.

Previously Painters Union 750 of Watsonville had agreed to have its 50th anniversary celebration in conjunction with the barbecue outing, and Painters Union 1026 of Santa Cruz had ordered \$50 worth of tickets.

Burnett said all unions in Santa Clara, Monterey and Santa Cruz counties are invited to participate in the area-wide party, at which barbecued steak dinners will be only \$1.50 per person and there will be entertainment, games, contests, and a brief introduction of noted guests.

Heading the guest list now is Arthur L. Johnson, noted labor attorney who is candidate for Congress from Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. Others prominent in local and state affairs will be invited, Burnett said.

While arrangements are being made slowly, Burnett said he still is seeking a crew of volunteers to handle the bar and concessions, and also needs a large flatbed truck to transport supplies to the park. Persons willing to help should contact Burnett at Santa Cruz 3481.

FRIENDS HONOR MRS. GREGORY AT BIG PARTY

Mrs. Neva Gregory, office secretary of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey for nearly 10 years, was honored by union officials and co-workers last Thursday night in a party tendered her as a "farewell" and testimonial.

Mrs. Gregory, one of the best known and best liked persons in the labor movement, is leaving her position to take a trip to Canada and an extended rest. She leaves Wednesday on the Canadian tour.

Oldtimers of Local 1323, including Dale Ward, secretary and business agent for many years, joined with new members in the tribute to Mrs. Gregory, and brought her two big cakes and several gifts. Ice cream and coffee were served with the cake.

She was presented with a yellow gold wrist watch and a hand-carved leather bag with matching wallet, with her initials tooled in the design. Office workers in the building gave her a floral corsage and an opal necklace and earrings set. Wives of carpenters decorated the union's hall with cut flowers.

Mrs. Gregory came to Carpenters Union 1323 after the tragic death of her husband, Roland Gregory, who died of a heart attack while working for the union. He had been with the union for three years.

The union has engaged Mrs. Mildred Hill to succeed Mrs. Gregory in the union office duties.

Galarza Returns

Ernie Galarza, organizer and public relations man for the National Farm Laborers Union, has returned to the Salinas area after spending some time in the Imperial Valley. He told friends he will devote most of his time henceforth to organizing efforts in and around Salinas. He will have offices at Salinas Labor Temple.

In 1848, Pennsylvania passed a state child labor law setting the minimum age for workers in commercial occupations at 12 years. In 1849, the minimum was raised to 13 years.

AFL May Invite Both Candidates To Its Convention

(AFL Release)

Both the Democratic and Republican candidates for President may be invited to address the 71st annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, the official call for which has just been issued by President William Green and Secretary-Treasurer George Meany.

The convention opens in New York City on Sept. 15, right in the thick of the national political campaign. It will be held in the grand ballroom of the Commodore Hotel.

MANY BACK CANDIDATES

It will be up to the delegates at the convention to decide whether the AFL will make a Presidential endorsement this year or abide by the traditional nonpartisan political policy of the federation.

Labor's League for Political Education will hold the annual meeting of its national committee at one of the convention sessions and the political policy of the AFL in the campaign will be shaped at that time.

This is the first New York convention in the AFL's history and it promises to be a big-time affair. Leaders of the AFL are determined to map a stirring program and to bring in the outstanding speakers in the nation.

There are expected to be about 800 delegates in attendance representing more than 8 million AFL members, enrolled in 109 national and international unions.

DELEGATES TO SET POLICIES

Aside from politics, momentous decisions on many national and international issues face the delegates.

They must decide basic AFL policy for the coming year on such bread-and-butter issues as wage and price controls. They must draft a legislative program for the new Congress that will take office in 1953, including recommendations on housing, social security, health insurance, taxes, civil rights, and federal aid to education.

The membership of the federation is expected to be at an all-time peak by convention time.

In issuing the official convention call, both Green and Meany reported that "the past year has been one in which we have made decided progress." They noted that "more workers have been employed than ever before in the history of our nation" and that "most workers have received increased wages and improved conditions of employment" due to union activity.

Another achievement hailed by the AFL leaders was that "we have successfully defeated the Communists wherever they have attempted to invade our ranks."

In the latter connection, the AFL convention is expected to make strong recommendations to the government in favor of an uncompromising foreign policy in our relations with Soviet Russia and for the strongest possible defense program.

The AFL has led in the fight for mutual security and for international cooperation with the freedom-loving and peace-loving nations of Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa.

AFL Building Trades Question Democrats' 'Sincerity' Toward Labor

Washington (LPA).—The sincerity of the Democratic Party's attitude toward organized labor was questioned by Richard J. Gray, president of the AFL Building Trades Department, in a telegram sent July 17 to the Democratic Platform Committee in Chicago.

Gray raised several questions which he said had caused 3,000,000 building trades workers to become skeptical about the Democrats. One question was: "Why didn't Mr. Truman request repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act in his state-of-the-union message?"

Membership of 461 registered trade unions in Great Britain at the end of 1951, according to the report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies, totalled 7,947,535, compared with 7,883,736 in 1949 and 5,362,792 in 1940.

Reader Disagrees With Editorial

July 18, 1952.

Dear Editor:

A solution isn't a solution unless it solves some problem or situation. A danger is a danger when it threatens harm. When you add a non-existent solution to a real danger you have a greater danger, a worse problem or situation.

We live in a Republic, the Republic of the United States. It is a Republic because in a Republic the people have the vote. It will remain a Republic, which is a democratic form of government, as long as the people do not in despair give away their right to vote or have it taken from them by force or fraud or cunning. Remember, our right to vote was bought with the blood of many brave and good men. That is the truth, not corn, not spread eagle oratory but the truth.

The calibre of the men asking for our vote and the vicious dishonest behavior at conventions is a reflection on us, the voters. Some thought, a little self-control so that we would not have been stampeded by prejudice and hysteria, and we would not have had the present situation.

Examine the platform of the Republican party—the platform and past record of performance is what counts—and vote accordingly. Do likewise with the platform and past performance of the Democratic party—and vote according to your conscience. Since there is a third party, which permits at least an expression of disapproval of the major parties and may mean more, examine the platform of the third party and vote as your conscience commands. What's the difference if the candidate is of Irish or Swiss descent or is blue or green or black or white? That doesn't concern us in matters of state, of the welfare, peace and jobs, of all the Americans.

As long as you keep voting and insisting on peace and the welfare of all the people you can force candidates to these ends. If, in despair, you give up your right to vote then the gang which will take power because you did not behave as a citizen will steal away some more of your rights. Finally you will have no rights, not even the basic one of voting.

That is why I disagree so heartily with your editorial "Dangerous Solution?" even though I can see how such a solution might have suggested itself in our present situation.

Cordially,
SAM GINSBURG,
140 So. 3rd St., Apt. 1C,
Richmond, Calif.

(Editor's note: The editorial referred to was entitled "Dangerous Solution?" and was worded as follows: "It has been suggested in some quarters that about the only way to get some sense and honesty in U.S. public affairs is to let the 'outs' have a go at running the government—they'd mess things up so properly that real reform, such as in the '30s, would come quicker and stronger."

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